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1. British suggest more attention to Soviet Zone--According to US Ambassador Douglas in London, high British Foreign Office officials believe that, with the heat off in Berlin, the western powers should take a more active interest in the affairs of the Soviet Zone of Germany in order to:
(a) undermine the influence of the pro-Soviet Germans;
(b) encourage the pro-western Germans; and (c) worry the USSR. Douglas believes that the British intend primarily psychological measures, which involve cultural exchanges, encouragement to Soviet Zone Germans to visit the "show window" west sectors of Berlin, and increased broadcasts to the Soviet Zone on the democratic way of life in western Germany. Douglas indicates that the proposal will be presented to the British High Commissioner for Germany and to Foreign Secretary Bevin, upon whose approval it will be taken up with France and the US.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the limited psychological measures outlined might meet success in (b) and (c) above, but doubts that control by pro-Soviet Germans would be altered appreciably as long as Soviet forces remain. CIA also believes that in its present condition western Berlin could not serve as a "show window" with which to impress Soviet Zone Germans.)

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